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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/08716, filed November 12, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98121936.3, filed November 19, 1998 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/110,169, filed November 27, 1998.

1. Application - 35 pages, including 6 independent claims and 15 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Drawings - 6 sheets of formal drawings containing 6 figures.
4. Certified copy of European Application No. 98121936.3, filed November 19, 1998.

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5. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 16 documents attached.
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Application No. 98121936.3, filed November 19, 1998.

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